

State of Arkansas

77th General Assembly

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SENATE BILL 422

By: Senators Scott, Bradford & Gibson

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST IN INCREASING THE LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF ADULTS, FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1991; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, a need exists for increasing the level of educational attainment for the adult population of Southeast Arkansas, although many individuals are being provided programs through adult education centers which provide the GED (high school equivalency) and job training (JTPA), literacy councils to work with the high number of non-reading adults, and vocational training through vocational technical schools and diploma, degree and certificate programs through the University of Arkansas at Monticello; and

WHEREAS, some of the primary obstacles which prohibit the utilization of services and the attainment of educational goals for individuals are a lack of transportation to program sites; low income level which limits resources available for tuition, fees, books and supplies required for training programs; lack of child care services available; and the inability of this population to qualify for existing federal and state financial aid programs which are directed at the traditional higher education population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and community leaders have cooperatively developed the Southeast Arkansas COMPACT with the purpose of working in the seven county region consisting of Ashley, Bradley, Cleveland, Chicot, Desha, Drew and Lincoln counties, on a coordinated basis toward the economic and industrial development of Southeast Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, This COMPACT is headquartered on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Monticello and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and

staffed from funds allocated for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of this Act to provide the resources necessary to assist in overcoming the obstacles that prevent people of all ages from utilizing the educational services of the Southeast Arkansas region.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Monticello Fund, for allocation of grants to individuals and/or public non-profit agencies for transportation, child care expenses, tuition and fees for registration in formal courses of study, and necessary supplies, books and equipment, by the University of Arkansas at Monticello for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

| ITEM NO. _____ | FISCAL YEARS | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 1989-90 _____ | 1990-91 _____ |
| (01) GRANTS | \$ 250,000 | \$ 250,000 |

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Fund, for allocation of grants to individuals and/or public non-profit agencies for transportation, child care expenses, tuition and fees for registration in formal courses of study, and necessary supplies, books and equipment, by the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

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SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the

restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 5. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1989 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1989 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1989.